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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated below.

1. (Previously Presented) A coating material comprising
(A) at least one hydrophobic nanoparticles based on silica and
(B) at least one hydrophilic nanoparticles based on silica having a BET internal surface area of > 300 m^2/g,
wherein the coating material comprises the nanoparticles (A) and (B) in an amount of from 0.8 to 3% by weight, based on the total weight of the coating material.

2. (Previously Presented) The coating material of claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic nanoparticles (B) have a BET internal surface area of > 340 m^2/g.

3. (Previously Presented) The coating material of claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of hydrophobic nanoparticles (A) to hydrophilic nanoparticles (B) is from 1:4 to 4:1.

4. (Previously Presented) The coating material of claim 3, wherein the (A):(B) weight ratio is from 3:7 to 7:3.

5. (Previously Presented) The coating material of claim 4, wherein the (A):(B) weight ratio is from 2:3 to 3:2.

6. (Previously Presented) The coating material of claim 1, wherein the primary particle size of the nanoparticles (A) and (B) is < 35 nm.

7. (Previously Presented) The coating material of claim 6, wherein the primary particle size is < 20 nm.

8. (Previously Presented) The coating material of claim 7, wherein the primary particle size is < 10 nm.

9. (Previously Presented) The coating material of claim 1, wherein the hydrophobic nanoparticles (A) are obtained by surface modification of pyrogenic silica.

10. (Previously Presented) The coating material of claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic nanoparticles (B) comprise pyrogenic silica.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The coating material as claimed in claim 12, comprising the nanoparticles (A) and (B) in an amount of from 1 to 2.4% by weight, based on the total weight of the coating material.

14. (Previously Presented) A process for preparing the coating material of claim 1comprising mixing and homogenizing the hydrophobic nanoparticles (A) and the hydrophilic nanoparticles (B) in the form of pigment pastes with the other constituents.

15. (Previously Presented) A process for preparing a scratch-resistant coated surface, comprising applying the coating material of claim 1 to a surface.

16. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 15 wherein the coating material of claim 1 is in the form of a molding or a film.

17. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 15 wherein the coating material is at least one component of an automotive multicoat paint system.